

**SCAVENGER**

**HUNT**

**SPRING AHEAD**

**NAME:**

**Directions:** What do you know about the first day of

spring? Explore the website below. Then read each

question on this page. Each question has three choices,

click the box next to the correct answer.

**Web Resources:** The First Day of Spring

<http://kids.msfc.nasa.gov/new/2000/news-vernalequinox.asp>

1. How many hours of daylight occur on the first day of spring?

4  8  12

1. What is the longest day of the year called?

winter solstice  summer equinox  summer solstice

1. What does the word solstice mean?

summer sun  sunny days  sun stands still

1. Which season begins on the vernal equinox?

spring  summer  autumn

1. What causes the seasons to change?

daylight savings time  Earth’s orbit  the sun’s orbit

**Something to think about:** Why, do you think, are day and night the same length on the vernal equinox?

**Learn More:** Learn more about the sun and the seasons. Make your own sundial at http://kids.msfc.nasa.gov/Earth/Sundials/SundialMake.asp